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## Statement From California High-Speed Rail Authority on Congressional Transportation Appropriations Bill

Dec. 9, 2009 - Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle, Chairman of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, released the following statement this morning regarding Congress' consolidated FY 2010 Transportation, Housing And Urban Development Appropriations Bill:

"We applaud Congress for taking this important step toward an ongoing, annual commitment to fund the construction of a high-speed rail system throughout the United States. Building an effective, state-of-the-art high-speed rail system will require an ongoing national commitment, and we are confident that with President Obama's strong support of high-speed rail and the support of California's congressional delegation, we can take the steps necessary to create jobs, stimulate our economy, and improve transportation mobility not just in California but throughout the nation. In California, voters have already put their support behind high-speed rail - as have labor, business, and environmental groups.

"We also applaud the Committees on Appropriations for including in the consolidated appropriations bill grants to invest in positive train control, a railroad technology that will improve safety and save lives."

To view the news release from the Committees on Appropriations, go here:  
<http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news.cfm?method=news.view&id=78e6e033-da0a-4220-a838-0aececa8e9ee>

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